

**State of Delaware  
Fleet Services**

**OPERATING POLICIES AND PROCEDURES**

CATEGORY: VEHICLE OPERATION	DATE ISSUED: 1-01-94 REVISED: 3-01-10	EFFECTIVE DATE 7-1-08	POLICY NO: VO-6
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1. Drivers of State vehicles shall abide by all motor vehicle laws of the State of Delaware and all promulgated policies and procedures issued by the Office of Management and Budget through Fleet Services. Employees utilizing state vehicles found in violation of motor vehicle laws; determined to have used a vehicle without authorization; discovered commuting in a state vehicle without approval; misusing a fuel card; determined to be the cause of multiple vehicle accidents; disconnecting the vehicle tracking system; or any other misuse of state vehicle resources will be administered as follows:
  - Upon discovery of a potential violation of driving or operational policies, Fleet Services will formally request, in accordance with Delaware Code Title 29 Subsection 7105, an investigation by the employing agency to determine the facts of the complaint and then provide appropriate counseling or discipline according to the severity of the complaint. This first request will act as a first warning from Fleet Services. If however in determination of facts, Fleet Services finds the actions of the driver are particularly grievous (e.g. fuel theft, DUI, etc.), driving privileges can be withdrawn immediately. The length of a suspension of privileges will be determined by the Fleet Administrator and may range from thirty days to a permanent suspension, based upon the severity of the offense.
  - A second violation of vehicle operation or procedure will result in an investigation request and written response to Fleet Services. The second investigation request will also warn that a third violation will result in a thirty day suspension of driving privileges.
  - Should a third violation occur, a request for an investigation and written response will be required of the employing agency. Regardless of the actions an agency may take, a driver recorded by Fleet Services with a third violation in a contiguous twelve month period will be suspended from driving for thirty days.
  - A fourth violation will result in a ninety day suspension of driving privileges.
  - A fifth violation will result in the permanent suspension of the employee's driving privileges.

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2. All appropriate parking fees shall be reimbursed by the authorized driver's Department/Agency and not be reimbursed by Fleet Services.
3. In accordance with Title [29, Delaware Code, §6505](#), all fines for parking tickets and moving violations are the sole, personal responsibility of the driver.
4. Under current State of Delaware law, [Title 21, Delaware Code, §4802](#), all authorized driver and passengers are required to wear seatbelts.
5. Smoking, by Executive Order Number Seventy-One, is prohibited in all State vehicles.
6. No hitchhikers are allowed in Fleet Services vehicles.
7. [Title 14, Delaware Code](#), prohibits the transportation of preprimary, primary and secondary pupils in vehicles rated to carry 10 passengers in addition to the driver. This law applies to trips from home to school or any school-related events. Vehicles needed to transport more than 10 pupils must meet State of Delaware and federal specifications applicable to school buses.  
  
Fleet Services will not reserve 12 or 15 passenger vans for the purpose of transporting preprimary, primary and secondary pupils on trips from home to school or any school-related events.
8. It is the responsibility of all drivers to keep the interior of Fleet Services vehicles clean and presentable. All trash must be removed from vehicles before they are returned. Vehicles requiring major interior cleaning will incur a surcharge to the driver's Department/Agency.
9. All drivers are to fill the fuel tank if the gauge reads at or below ½ before returning it to the pool site. Failure to refuel at or below ½ tank will result in a penalty charge assessed to the driver's Department/Agency.